



REST IN PEACE

Your prayers are requested this weekend

For the souls of Maura McNamara, Bríd Prior and Laurence Lynch who died recently.

And for the souls of the following whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Baby Claire Kennedy, Eugene O'Neill, Joe Cullen, John & Eleanor Farrell, Brenda O'Hanrahan, PJ & Louisa Carragher, James & Kathleen Forry, Una O'Loughlin, Susan & Kevin Doyle,

MAY THEIR SOULS AND THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD REST IN PEACE. AMEN.

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CHURCH COLLECTIONS

The amounts collected last weekend are

DATE	GREEN BASKET	SHARE
1 st April 2018	€1,995	€1,650

The green basket is the collection for the support of the priests of the Diocese. The white basket is the collection for Share, which meets the needs both of poorer parishes and of central agencies of the Diocese.

We thank you for your contributions to the Church collections and for your continuing support of all the collections.

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WEEKLY BULLETIN



St. Mary's, Star of the Sea, Sandymount

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Sunday 8th April 2018

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2nd Sunday of Easter

Lord, you seem to be bent on convincing your disciples that you are truly risen. For you knew too well that the future of your revolution depended on how firmly they believed in your resurrection and how boldly they would proclaim it. So you reach them in the grip of fear, huddled behind locked doors. You endow them with your Spirit and empower them to win over sin.

But I am awed to see you appear again for the sake of just one person – the loner Thomas who was absent. Sounds so capricious his wanting to touch your wounds and verify. You are so gracious to condescend to his demand. Thank you, Lord, that you pay attention to every individual and care for them personally.

Risen Lord, come to meet each of us wherever we are at, with questions and doubts and the fears and anxieties of our time. Lift us, like Thomas, into a deeper faith in you. Amen.

BAPTISMS

We warmly welcome into the Parish Community:

Delilah Níá Rós Ó Broin

who was baptised at the Easter Vigil

‘May you live always as a member of the Body of Christ, sharing everlasting life’

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Celebrating Baptism

Our next meeting in preparation for Baptisms to be celebrated in May will be held on Monday, 30th April, at 8pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

The celebrations of Baptism in May will be on Sunday May 6th and 20th , after the 12 noon Mass. Parents are asked to please register with the Parish Office in advance of Monday 30th April and to attend the preparatory meeting.

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Easter Dues

Fr. John and Fr. Cormac would like to thank all parishioners who have already sent in their Easter Dues. Easter Dues like the Christmas Dues are donations to the Common Fund which supports all the priests of the diocese.

Easter Dues envelopes may be handed in at the sacristy, the parish office or put in the letter box in the parish office door. They can also be put into the collection baskets on Sundays.

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An Invitation from the Parish Pastoral Council

Raising a family in today’s modern world brings many pressures to parents. Coping with the reality of family life in our postmodern world seems to be defined by change and constant adaptation. In such a society, security is lost, and loneliness can go hand in hand with a frenetic lifestyle. We would like to invite you to participate in a dialogue focusing on the challenges of family life today.

The World Meeting of Families team has put together a set of pastoral resources for parishes in preparation for the World Meeting of Families here in Dublin in August 2018. Our Parish will be offering one hour sessions exploring key elements of Pope Francis’ document, The Joy of Love. Our first session will take place on Wednesday, 18th April at 7:30 pm in the Church. We invite you to join us for what will be a helpful discussion around Christian family life in today’s challenging world.

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Child Safeguarding Notice - Use of Church facilities

Dear Parents and Guardians we would like to remind you that all children should be accompanied by an adult when using the Church toilets. We thank you for your cooperation and support in this matter.

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Do This in Memory Mass

The next Mass will be next Sunday April 15th, at 10.30am, the final special Mass before celebrations of First Communion in May. Parents may help their children through pages 24 and 25, 60 and 61 of Thumbs as well as Grapevine 8 which will be delivered through the schools early this week.

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Thank You

Renewed thanks to all who decorated the church so beautifully at Easter; a beautiful Easter garden, floral arrangements and to the hard-working sacristans and choirs.

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Film Evening

A film evening is to be held next Friday, the 13th April at 7.30 pm in the parish meeting rooms. We will be showing the film 'The Way'. The Way is about a father who decides to walk the Camino de Santiago where his son died. All are very welcome.

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Trocaire Boxes

We would ask you to return your Trocaire boxes as soon as possible. This arrangement applies only to homes that do not have school-going children. On behalf of Trocaire, we thank you for your generous support.

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Legion of Mary - to all auxiliary members

We are pleased to invite you to attend our Acies ceremony (annual renewal of Consecration to Our Blessed Lady), on Saturday, 14th April 2018 at 3.00 p.m. in St. Teresa's Church, Clarendon St. Refreshments afterwards. We look forward to seeing you there.

In the event that you cannot attend this year, we take this opportunity to thank you for offering the Legion prayers to Our Blessed Lady, as an auxiliary member.

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Annual Golf Classic, Elm Park Golf Club

Save the Date – Friday 1st June 2018!

To book a place or sponsor an Ad or Tee Box please fill in a Booking Form, available on the table at the back of the Church, and return it as soon as possible to the Parish office, Star of the Sea Church Tel: 01 6683316 OR by email to stargolfclassic@gmail.com

OR CONTACT: Martin Coonan: 087 2304042,

Charlotte O’Neill: 086 2162348

OR The Parish Office: 01 668 3316

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Iris Charles Centre

The Centre will re-open this Tuesday, 10th April for dinners. Afternoon Bridge will also resume on Tuesday at 2.30pm. We look forward to seeing you all there!